

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (original): A light-emitting element which emits light itself, comprising:  
a light-emitting portion having a higher refractive index than a refractive index of air; and  
a diffraction grating structure provided to a light-emitting side surface of the light-emitting portion,  
wherein a minimum light-emission value is equal to or less than 50% of a maximum light-emission value when white light is emitted from said light-emitting portion.
2. (original): The light-emitting element according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a color-separation filter provided between said light-emitting portion and said light-emitting side surface,  
wherein a minimum value of a spectral product obtained from a light-emission waveform of the white light emitted from said light-emitting portion and a spectral transmittance of said color-separation filter is equal to or less than 50% of a maximum value thereof, whereby the minimum light-emission value is equal to or less than 50% of the maximum light-emission value when the white light is emitted from said light-emitting portion.
3. (original): The light-emitting element according to claim 2, wherein a color-separation filter which has minimum transmittance of equal to or less than 50% of maximum transmittance is used for said color-separation filter.
4. (original): The light-emitting element according to claim 1, wherein said light-emitting portion includes light-emitting materials for at least two primary colors capable of emitting the white light among light-emitting materials for three primary colors.

5. (original): The light-emitting element according to claim 4, wherein a light-emission ratio of the light-emitting materials for said at least two primary colors among the light-emitting materials for the three primary colors is adjusted to make the minimum light-emission value equal to or less than 50% of the maximum light-emission value when the white light is emitted from said light-emitting portion.

6. (original): The light-emitting element according to claim 4, wherein said light-emitting portion includes the light-emitting materials for said three primary colors.

7. (original): The light-emitting element according to claim 4, wherein said light-emitting materials exhibit light emission by singlet exciton.

8. (original): The light-emitting element according to claim 2, wherein said light-emitting materials exhibit light emission by triplet exciton.

9. (original): The light-emitting element according to claim 1, wherein said diffraction grating structure has a pitch of a fine convex-concave structure being in a range of from 1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 4  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a depth of said fine convex-concave structure being in a range of from 0.4  $\mu\text{m}$  to 4  $\mu\text{m}$ .

10. (original): The light-emitting element according to claim 9, wherein a ratio of said depth to said pitch in said fine convex-concave structure ranges from 0.25 to 0.60.

11. (new): The light-emitting element according to claim 1, wherein said light-emitting portion includes light-emitting materials for at least two primary colors emitting the white light among light-emitting materials for three primary colors.

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12. (new): The light-emitting element according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a color-separation filter provided between said light-emitting portion and said light-emitting side surface,

wherein a minimum value of a spectral product obtained from a light-emission waveform of the white light emitted from said light-emitting portion and a spectral transmittance of said color-separation filter is approximately 7% of a maximum value thereof.